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1. [redacted] impressed with the dissension between the people of north and south Sudan. The north is predominantly Arab and Mohammedan while people of the south are primarily Negro. Approximately 20% of the southern population is Christian through the efforts of missionary endeavor. The people in the north are considerably more advanced than in the south which has a high illiteracy rate. The south is afraid of being overrun by the north, of being out voted and left out of all the important government positions. [redacted] the southern faction was demanding that civil service jobs be divided according to population so they would secure their share of all available positions.

2. The country is united in its desire for independence from both the UK and Egypt. There is, however, a dearth of capable local leaders and administrators in both government bureaus and in industry. [redacted] if both UK and Egyptian influence is excluded, the country will be ripe for dissension and Communist infiltration.

3. A number of the English businessmen [redacted] said that English employees working for the Sudanese Government and Sudanese firms were generally being offered contracts for only a one-year period. Naturally the younger men, the junior executives, were refusing to accept this and were leaving with the result that both government and business was being handicapped by a lack of a capable junior staff. This is having its affect on the senior staff; men with 20 and 25 years' experience in the Sudan are not anxious to stay and train a new staff, and those in outlying areas do not wish to be deprived of the social contact with other Englishmen.

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